

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist/pilgrim centres is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for selected tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year.

(b) and (c) 27 projects with Central component of Rs. 560.07 lakhs have been sanctioned in Bihar including Rajgir and Vaishali during the 1st three years of IX Plan.

Setting up of Information Centre at Shravanabelagola in Karnataka

2687. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any amount during the year 2000-2001 for developing Shravanabelagola in Karnataka as a tourist Centre;

(b) what are the facilities provided for domestic and foreign tourists at Shravanabelagola;

(c) whether there is any Information Centre functioning to promote tourism in Shravanabelagola; and

(d) if not, whether Government have any proposal to set up an Information Centre at Shravanabelagola?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For the benefit of visiting domestic and foreign tourists, a Yatri Niwas has been constructed at Shravanabelagola and two units of public conveniences have been provided there.

(c) Tourist Information Centre has been opened by the State Tourism Department at Shravanabelagola and is functioning at the foothills of Indragiri.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Tourism in Manipur

2688. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for development of tourism in Manipur;